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St. James's, December 10.

THE following Addreſs of the Mayor and Burgeſſes of the Town of Nottingham has been preſented to his Majeſty by the Right Honourable the Lord How, one of their Repreſentatives in Parliament, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Lincoln, one of the Lords of his Majeſty's Bed-Chamber in Waiting: Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor and Burgeſſes of the Town of Nottingham, in Council aſſembled.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE your Majeſty's moſt Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Mayor and Burgeſſes of the Town of Nottingham, humbly beg Leave to declare our ſincere and unfeigned Joy, for your Majeſty's ſafe and happy Return to your Britiſh Dominions. We ſhould be unworthy of the many Bleſſings we daily receive from your moſt wiſe and gracious Government, if we did not with Pleaſure embrace every Opportunity of expreſſing our Thankfulneſs and Gratitude to your Majeſty, to whoſe unwearied Endeavours we are indebted for the much envied Proſperity and Happineſs of Great Britain. We have always moſt willingly and chearfully contributed to the utmoſt of our Power towards carrying on the War, which was neceſſary for the Vindication of the Honour and juſt Rights of your Majeſty's Crown, and the true Intereſt of our Fellow Subjects. But ſince, by the Divine Bleſſing upon your Counſels and Arms, theſe only juſt Cauſes of War are now happily removed, we acknowledge, with Hearts full of Gratitude, your Majeſty's great Goodneſs in reſtoring to your Kingdoms the truly valuable and deſirable Bleſſing of Peace. Your Majeſty's known Wiſdom and paternal Regard for the Welfare of all your Subjects, which we have ſo long experienced in the Courſe of your auſpicious Reign, fully convince us, that a Peace, concluded by your Majeſty, muſt be both honourable to your Crown, and advantageous to your People. And we humbly beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, that we will always make it our Buſineſs, as it is our Duty, to manifeſt the Senſe we entertain of the high Obligations we lie under to your Majeſty. We will exert our utmoſt Endeavours to recommend ourſelves to your favourable Regard, by advancing, in our ſeveral Stations, the real Intereſt and Happineſs of theſe Kingdoms, which we are ſenſible is the great Object of your Majeſty's Wiſhes and Deſires; and we will ſhew ourſelves true Friends to our Country, by promoting, as far as we are able, Loyalty and dutiful Obedience to your Sacred Majeſty.

The following Addreſs of the Mayor, Burgeſſes and Commonalty of the City of Briſtol, has been preſented to his Majeſty by their Recorder, being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Lincoln, one of the Lords of his Majeſty's Bed-chamber in Waiting: Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of the City of Briſtol, in Common Council aſſembled.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Mayor, Burgeſſes, and Commonalty of the City of Briſtol, in Common-Council aſſembled, moſt humbly beg Leave to expreſs our unfeigned Joy on your Majeſty's happy Return to your Britiſh Dominions.

The many Bleſſings which have inceſſantly flowed from your Majeſty's auſpicious Reign, muſt excite the moſt zealous and loyal Affections in the Breaſt of every True Briton; and in a particular Manner are we engaged now to render our moſt grateful Acknowledgments to your Majeſty for the General Peace happily concluded to the Wiſhes of your Majeſty, and the Joy of your People; a Congratulation, we hope, the more acceptable to your Majeſty, as it is founded on a juſt Senſe of our own true Intereſt.

Permit us, Sir, then to aſſure your Majeſty, that no Returns of Duty and Gratitude ſhall ever be wanting on our Part. We will contribute all in our Power to further your Majeſty's moſt Gracious Intentions, by a right Uſe and Improvement of ſo valuable a Bleſſing, and by demeaning

demeaning ourſelves in every Reſpect as becomes moſt faithful and loyal Subjects toward the beſt of Kings.

Hague, December 13, *N. S.* The Prince Stadtholder has put off, for a few Days, his intended Journey to Frieſland. As the Diſturbances continue with great Violence in the Province of Groningen, his Serene Highneſs appointed, ſome Days ago, Meſſ. de Capelle and Perſoon to repair thither immediately as his Commiſſaries for regulating the Affairs of that Province, with the ſame Powers as were given to the Deputies whom his Highneſs ſent into Frieſland in Auguſt laſt on the like Occaſion. And in Conſequence thereof, thoſe two Gentlemen ſet out Yeſterday for Groningen. Meſſ. de Catwyck and Pauw went laſt Monday to Delft, in order to ſettle the Regency of that Place, as they have done in ſome other Towns of this Province. The Directors and Proprietors of the Eaſt-India Company of the Chamber of Delft, have unanimouſly approved of the Reſolution taken by thoſe of Amſterdam, to appoint the Prince of Orange, (as far as it depends on them) Director and Governor General of their Company. They have beſides reſolved, that the Prince ſhall be left Maſter of his own Conditions, which (in order to prevent all Miſunderſtanding) are to be approved by the States-General; and Deputies have been named to ſettle this Affair with his Serene Highneſs. General Pretorius has taken the Oaths as Governor of Bergen-op-Zoom.

Whitehall, December 6.

The King has been pleaſed to order a Congé d'Elire to the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Salisbury, empowering them to elect a Biſhop of that See, the ſame being void by the Tranſlation of the Right Reverend Father in God, Doctor Thomas Sherlock to the See of London. And alſo his Majeſty's Letter recommending to the ſaid Dean and Chapter the Right Reverend Father in God, Dr. John Gilbert, Biſhop of Landaff, to be by them elected Biſhop of the ſaid See of Salisbury.

Leiceſter-Houſe, December 7.

This Day Signior Buſinello, Reſident from the moſt Serene Republick of Venice, had his firſt Private Audience of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales.

He had afterwards his firſt Private Audience of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales; to both which he was introduced by Sir Clement Cottrell Dormer, Knt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

St. James's, December 9.

This Day Signior Buſinello had his firſt Private Audience of her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Amelia; to which he was introduced by the Maſter of the Ceremonies.

Whitehall, December 10, 1748.

Whereas it hath been humbly repreſented to the King, that the Chariot of Robert James, Doctor in Phyſick, was on Monday the 28th Day of November laſt, about Eight in the Evening, ſtopped by two Men, as he was paſſing therein through Hide Park near the Water Works, one of whom laid hold on the Reins of the Horſes, and the Coachman whipping him over the Face, and endeavouring to drive the Horſes againſt him, the Man retired and fell down; whereupon the other told the Coachman, he would blow his Brains out, ſtept up to the Fore Wheel, and fired a Piſtol at him ſo near, that it ſcorched his Cheek. And farther, that about the ſame Hour in the Evening of the next Day, the Chariot of the ſaid Doctor James paſſing gently through Hide Park, with his Servants armed attending it, near the ſaid Water-Works, a Piſtol or Gun, or ſome other Fire-Arms were diſcharged at the ſaid Chariot, by ſome Perſon or Perſons who lay concealed at ſome Diſtance from the Road; and whereas there is Reaſon to believe, from ſome particular Circumſtances, that the Perſons who thus attacked the Chariot of the ſaid Doctor James, and fired thereat, had ſome malicious Deſign againſt the Perſon of the ſaid Doctor James, or of one of his Servants: For the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſons concerned in the Crimes above-mentioned, His Majeſty is hereby pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of the Offenders, who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo as he, they, or any of them, may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

BEDFORD.

And as a farther Encouragement for ſuch Diſcovery, the ſaid Doctor Robert James doth hereby promiſe a Reward of Twenty Guineas to ſuch Perſon, or to any other Perſon or Perſons making the ſame as aforeſaid, to be paid on the Conviction of any one of the ſaid Offenders.

Robert James.

Whitehall, Sept. 15, 1748.

Whereas it has been repreſented to their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices, that, on the 6th of this Inſtant September, one Hugh Coffy was committed to Newgate, on ſtrong Suſpicion of Filing and Diminiſhing Portugal Gold Pieces: And as there is the ſtrongeſt Reaſon to believe, that the ſaid Coffy, and ſeveral others (who ſince the ſaid Coffy's Commitment have abſconded) have been concerned in Filing the Current Coin of this Kingdom called Guineas, and in diſperſing the ſame: Their Excellencies are pleaſed to promiſe His Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon to any of the Perſons concerned with the ſaid Coffy as aforeſaid, upon his or her diſcovering one or more of his or her Accomplices; as likewiſe a Reward of One Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament, to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall apprehend and take any Perſon or Perſons concerned in Filing and Diminiſhing the ſaid Current Coin of this Kingdom, ſo as he, ſhe or they may be convicted of the ſame.

J. Potter.

Mint Office in the Tower of London, Sept. 30, 1748.

Whereas divers evil-diſpoſed Perſons have, for ſome Time paſt, made a Practice of filing Guineas, and diſperſing the ſame; and for the apprehending of the Offenders therein, their Excellencies the Lords Juſtices have been pleaſed to promiſe a Reward of One Hundred Pounds (over and above the Reward allowed by Act of Parliament) to any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall apprehend and take any Perſon or Perſons concerned in filing and diminiſhing of Guineas, ſo as he, ſhe, or they be thereof convicted: And whereas Samuel Davies, againſt whom an Information has been taken upon Oath, hath, ſince the above Diſcoveries, abſconded from his Habitation, the Sign of the Bull and Butcher in Weſt Smithfield; on ſearching which ſaid Houſe, was found in a Bureau belonging to the ſaid Samuel Davies, Tools and other Inſtruments for filing of Guineas, with a large Quantity of Filings of Gold Coin.

Samuel Davies was born at Wrexham, ſerved his Apprenticeſhip at Liverpool, well known at Thame in Oxfordſhire, and kept a Butcher's Shop for ſome Years in German-ſtreet St. James's. He is a black Man, about five Foot ten Inches high, has a down caſt Look, and had on, at the Time he abſconded, an old white Wig, a Fuſtian Frock with Plate Buttons, a blue and white ſtriped Waiſtcoat, black Breeches, light colour'd Stockings,

Stockings, with large Silver Buckles in his Shoes, and is about fifty Years of Age.

And whereas Informations have been taken against the following Persons for being concerned with others in filing and diminishing such Guineas as aforesaid, as also the Portugal Gold Coin, to wit, Bryan Duff, Mary Dean alias Harrison, and Margaret Rutherford, who have all lately absconded.

Bryan Duff, born in Ireland, a middle sized Man, full bodied, has a round plump Face, of a ruddy Complexion, and has a brisk Eye; is about thirty Years of Age, and generally wore a light brown Coat with yellow Metal Buttons, and a Scarlet Waistcoat; he lived Servant to a Gentleman in Clarges-street Piccadilly, and Charles street St. James's, and lodged last at the Red Lion in King-street Golden Square.

Mary Dean alias Harrison, born in Cheshire, is between forty and fifty Years of Age, lived many Years in Dublin, and well known at Liverpool, is a Dealer in Irish Stuffs: She is a middle sized Woman, has a large Scar in the Left Side of her Neck just below her Hair, a Swelling in one of her Knees, and walks lame; well known in Green Harbour-Court near the Golden Hind, Moorfields, and lodged last in Sedwick's Rents near Moor-Gate.

Margaret Rutherford alias Mary Foster, (born in Ireland) Wife of Robert Rutherford, of Sir John Ligonier's Regiment, is a tall jolly Woman, between thirty and forty Years old, is pitted with the Small Pox, has grey Eyes, and a remarkable Dent at the End of one of her Thumbs; is by Trade a Mantua-maker and Dealer in Irish Stuffs, well known about Temple-Bar, and the Villages round London, and lodged last in Bow-Lane, Cheapside.

Whoever apprehends the said Samuel Davies, or either of the other abovementioned Persons, or any other Person concerned in these Practices, may apply themselves to Mr. Fountaine Cook, Sollicitor to his Majesty's Mint, at his Chambers in Clement's Inn, London.

London, Dec. 2, 1748.

General Post-Office.

Whereas the Post-Boy, bringing the West Mail from Andover to Basingstoke, was last Night, between the Hours of Seven and Eight, attacked on the Highway, about a Quarter of a Mile on this Side of a Place called Clarken Green, which is near Four Miles distant from Basingstoke in the County of Southampton, by a single Highwayman, who carried off the Letters contained in the following Bags, viz. The two Exeter *Bags,* Shaftsbury, Ashburton, Truro, Barnstaple, Launceston, Weymouth, Camelford, Bodmin, Totness, Ilchester, Dorchester, Somerton, Yeovil, *and* Blandford.

This is to give Notice, That whoever shall apprehend and convict, or cause to be apprehended and convicted, the Person who committed this Robbery, of whom no particular Description is as yet come to Hand, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, *over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Person or Persons, whether Accomplice in the said Robbery, or knowing thereof, shall make Discovery, whereby the Person, who committed the same, may be apprehended and brought to Justice, such Discoverer or Discoverers will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the same Reward of* Two Hundred Pounds, *and also have his Majesty's most gracious Pardon.*

By Command of the Post-Master General,
George Shelvocke, *Secretary.*

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of his Majesty's Ship the Amazon, Michael Everitt, Esq; Commander, that were on board at the taking of the L'Telemarque, a French Snow from Saint Domingo, that their respective Shares of the said Prize will be paid them by Mr. James Fletcher, of Plymouth, on Wednesday the 14th Instant: Recalls to be the last Wednesday in every Month at the King's Head in Fenchurch street, for three Years to come.

To the Agents for Prizes.

Whereas by an Act passed in the Twentieth Year of His present Majesty's Reign, for the better securing the Payment of the Shares of Prizes taken from the Enemy, to the Royal Hospital at Greenwich; All Persons, Agents and others concerned in the Sale or Disposal of any Prize or Prizes taken from the Enemy in the late War, by any of His Majesty's Ships or Vessels of War, or in the receiving or disposing of any Bill or Bills for the Bounty granted by the said Act, or the Acts therein recited, are required to make out, transmit or deliver his and their Account and Accounts, and to pay over the Money remaining in his or their Hand or Hands, on the adjusting such Account or Accounts, to the Treasurer of the said Hospital for the Time being, or his Deputies or Agents, in the Manner and within the Times therein limited. To the end therefore that all such Sum and Sums of Money, arising by the Sale or Disposal of any such Prize or Prizes, Bill or Bills for the Bounty as aforesaid, granted by the said Acts to the Use of the said Hospital, remaining in the Hands of any Agent or Agents, or other Persons so employed, may immediately be accounted for and paid to the Treasurer of the said Hospital, or his Deputy or Deputies, according to the Tenor of the said Act; Notice is hereby given to all Persons, Agents and others so employed, to make out, transmit or deliver his and their Account and Accounts beforementioned, to the Treasurer of the said Hospital, or his Deputies or Agents, in the Manner and Form as by the said Act is prescribed, and to pay over all such Sum and Sums of Money as shall remain and be in his or their Hand or Hands after the Term of three Years, to be accounted for as in and by the said Act is limited, to and for the Purposes therein mentioned, or, on Failure thereof, they will be prosecuted by the Governours and Directors of the said Hospital, without farther Notice, to the utmost Rigour of the Law, pursuant to the Powers granted by the said Act.

South Sea House, London, Dec. 8, 1748.

The Court of Directors of the South Sea Company give Notice, That the Transfer Books of New South Sea Annuities will be shut on Tuesday the 20th Instant at Two of the Clock, and opened again on Thursday the 26th of January next; and that the Warrants for the Half Year's Interest due thereon at Christmas next, will be paid on Tuesday the 31st of January next.

They also give Notice, That the Transfer Books of the Trading Stock will be shut on Friday the 23d Instant, at Two of the Clock, and opened again on Monday the 6th of February following; and that the Dividend due thereon for the Half Year ending at Christmas next, will be paid on Thursday the 9th and Friday the 10th of February next. On which several Days of Payment the said new Annuity and Stock Transfer Books will be shut.

London, December 10, 1748.

Notice is hereby given to the Officers and Company of his Majesty's Ship the Ambuscade, Richard Gwynn, Esq; Commander, that were on board at the taking of the Venus, and Anna Maria, two French Prizes from St. Domingo, that their respective Shares of the said Prizes will be paid them at the House of Samuel Torin, in St. Martin's-Lane Cannon-street, on Thursday the 22d Instant. Recalls to be the last Thursday in every Month at the aforesaid Place, for three Years to come.

London